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a gradual change has taken

place. Slightly paler, yes,

and thinner. Inclined to

suppress a cough... but

he has not said anything

about it... he knows by

now, but... he's probably

married... probably has

three or four children...
and can't afford to confess
his trouble. Can't afford to
lose his job. You will dis-
cover him sooner or later,
and then what will you do?
There are thousands like him
in Hongkong, and it is
because of these that The
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A Golden Carpet Of Daffodils



The main street of
Newnham - on - Severn,
Gloucestershire, famed for
its myriad daffodils which
are now making a golden
carpet beside the road.

BIHAR FAMINE THREAT ACUTE

Patna, May 9.
The threat of a famine in the north Indian
State of Bihar has become extremely acute, the
State's food officials said today.

These officials said that nearly 20 million people
were affected by the food crisis.

Pharaoh's Chicken? It's A Vulture

London, May 8.
London Zoo have sent to
Zagreb Zoo, Yugoslavia, a blue-
crowned pheasant in exchange for
an Egyptian vulture, or
Pharaoh's chicken, writes
Craven Hill.

"It is a small bird, for a
vulture, with a long beak
sharply curved downward at
the tip, and will be the first we
have been able to get since
before the war," a Zoo official
said.

"Most vultures are useful be-
cause of their scavenging
habits. Pharaoh's chicken ex-
cels in this respect. It is ac-
cordingly protected in the Nile
Valley, where it normally lives.

"It feeds on all kinds of offal.
At the Zoo we give them
birds normal rations, mainly
rabbit or horseflesh. But we
have to keep close watch on the
supply.

"The birds are so greedy that
it might eat enough to give it-
self a fit," London Express
Service.

BBC'S NEW FAR EAST CHIEF

London, May 9.
Mr J.F. Mudge has been ap-
pointed head of the British Far
Eastern Broadcasting Service.
The British Broadcasting Cor-
poration's station in Singapore,
it was announced here today.
He succeeds Mr W.R. Baker,
whose normal tour of duty has
ended.—Reuter.

STAR PRIMA DOLCE

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& 9.30 P.M.

HE WAS MADE
TO MAD EMOTIONS

RONALD
COLMAN
A DOUBLE
LIFE

SIGNE HASSO
EDMOND O'BRIEN

TO-MORROW
"Madame Butterfly"

Hundreds 'Go Vegetarian' Every Week

London, May 9.
Britain's meat shortage is
giving strength to the cause of
vegetarianism throughout the
country.

At the last "census" in the
London area it was revealed
that 117,000 people were official-
ly registered vegetarians—and
this number is being added to
by hundreds each week. The
figure in 1945 was 42,000.

"There is certainly a strong
general upsurge of interest,"
said an official of the London
Vegetarian Society, whose mem-
bership has doubled since the war.

"The trouble is to convince
men and women that they can
live and keep healthy without
consuming animal flesh.

"There is a tendency, of
course, for children to be
natural vegetarians.

"Our desire is to assure the
public that they will not suffer
in any way from a meatless
diet."—London Express Service.)

German Car Recovery 'Astonishing'

Output of the German motor
industry is approaching half that
of the British industry, according
to engineer K. B. Hopfinger, of
Hampton-in-Arden, near Bir-
mingham.

"Recently I was in Germany
and I was astonished at the re-
covery there since the war," he
said today.

"Although there is a basic 48-
hour-week, German workers will
work any hours a intensive
speeds and the unions and em-
ployers work in harmony.
Strikes are unheard of."

German manufacturers, says
Mr Hopfinger, are organising big
sales schemes for their cars at
home and abroad which are al-
ready bringing results.

Free enterprise and the desire
of workers to better their living
standards were responsible for
the recovery.—London Express
Service.

British Protest To Peron

London, May 9.
Britain has formally protested
against the establishment of two
more Argentine bases in British
Antarctic territory, a Foreign
Office spokesman disclosed today.

The protest was delivered in
Buenos Aires on April 30 by the
British Ambassador, Sir William
Henry Mac, the spokesman
said.—Reuter.

NEW QUEUILLE MANOEUVRE

Paris, May 9.
France's Cabinet today
authorised the Prime Minister,
M. Henri Queuille, to put a
vote of confidence—stating
the existence of the Govern-
ment—as often as he thinks fit
in the remaining debates in the
Assembly before Parliament
ends on July 4.

The Cabinet indicated that
this applied particularly to de-
bates on financial Bills.
The intention of the Cabinet
is to strengthen the Premier's
hand in preventing deputies,
with an eye on the coming
elections, voting pay rises, sub-
sidies and other measures of a
vote-catching nature in their
constituencies.—Reuter.

Zarubin Sees Morrison

London, May 9.
Informed sources said today
that among the topics brought
up at the meeting between Mr
Herbert Morrison, Foreign Sec-
retary, and Mr Georgi Zarubin,
Soviet Ambassador, was the
question of food shipments to
India from Communist China
and Russia.

They said some reference
was also made to the Japanese
peace treaty but none of the
discussions was in any way
comprehensive.

The Foreign Office confirmed
the meeting but said it was a
purely social affair. India House
said Korea was not discussed.
—United Press.

Acheson Hints That Paris Negotiations May Fall Through REDS ASKING TOO HIGH A PRICE

Washington, May 9.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today that the United States
has about come to the end of its rope in negotiating with the Russians on
terms for a Big Four Foreign Ministers meeting. His words implied the
whole project may fall through.

The Russians in their talks with American, British and French re-
presentatives at Paris are in effect demanding that the West suspend its
defence programme, Mr Acheson said.

He declared emphatically that it is too high a
price—a price the West cannot pay—for a Big
Four meeting.

The aim of such a meeting
would be to ease world ten-
sions and try to make some
progress toward real peace.

Mr Acheson said the United
States has presented plans for a
conference which are the ulti-
mate in reasonableness.

But the Foreign Ministers'
deputies, meeting in Paris to
pave the way for the big parley,
are huddled over what Mr
Acheson called Russia's out-
raged insistence on its own
kind of arms reduction formula.

Mr Acheson said Mr Andrei
Gromyko, Soviet Deputy For-
eign Minister, has taken the
attitude that there can be no
Big Four meeting unless his
formulation of the arms reduc-
tion section of the proposed
agenda is accepted by the other
powers.

RUSSIAN MOVE EXPLAINED
He insists on that, Mr
Acheson said, because "he wants
to commit the great powers to a
reduction of armaments prior
to a Foreign Ministers' meeting
without reference to either the
general level of armaments or
the rearming of the Commu-
nist satellite States.

The Western nations have
contended that what is initially
important is the level of arma-
ments, by which they mean an
excess of Russian military
power over the mobilised power
of the West; also that in any
control system the satellite
nations must be covered be-
cause otherwise the Russians
would have puppet armies to
use against relatively unarmed
free nations.

In an effort to break the
deadlock, Mr Acheson's agent
at Paris, Ambassador-at-Large
Philip Jessup, presented three
possible solutions.

The first was that the four
nations agree on an agenda
including arms reduction. In
this, Mr Acheson said, Dr Jes-
sup went the limit in making
concessions to the Russians on
the wording of the arms sec-
tion.

THE RESULT

The second possible solution
Dr Jessup put forth was that
the four powers agree on an
agenda except for those points
on which they are stuck and
go ahead with a Foreign
Ministers' session. This would
leave it to the Ministers to de-
cide how they would get at
the arms problem.

As a basic possibility Dr
Jessup suggested that the big
powers simply state in general
terms the subjects they would
talk about so that the Ministers
could go ahead with the meet-
ing. Thus they would simply
rest "German questions, Aus-
trian questions," and the like.

Mr Acheson said that the re-
sult of all this was to put the
U.S.—and probably British
and France, since the three
powers have co-operated
closely—in the position of say-
ing, "Here is what we are pre-
pared to do, what are you go-
ing to do now?"

Some reporters thought this
sounded like diplomatic phrase-
ology for the more familiar idiom
"Put up or shut up"—Associat-
ed Press.

GROMYKO'S ACT

Paris, May 9.
The start of today's meeting
of the Foreign Ministers' de-
puties was delayed two hours
at the request of the Russian
delegate, M. Andrei Gromyko.
When the meeting did start it
lasted three minutes.

A Western spokesman said
that M. Gromyko, today's chair-

Parliament Not Told Enough

London, May 9.
Mr Anthony Eden, deputy
Conservative leader, complained
in the House of Commons to-
day that Parliament was not
getting enough information
about the proposed Japanese
peace treaty.

"I do not think there has
ever been a peace treaty when
less information has been given
to the House of Commons," he
said.

Parliament was very interest-
ed in the treaty and many mem-
bers would like to know what
was going on, he added.

Mr Herbert Morrison, Foreign
Secretary, said he understood
Mr Eden's point of view, but
it was a little unreasonable
"because we have not got very
far."

He told Mr William Teeling,
Conservative, that repayment
of Japanese pre-war loans and
debts was among the subjects
being discussed.—Reuter.

King Haakon For London

London, May 9.
King Haakon of Norway, the
78-year-old, 6ft. 3½in. tall
monarch, who spent five war
years exiled in Britain, returns
here in June for a Festival
visit.

He will sail here in his royal
yacht, Norge, bringing with
him his son, Crown Prince Olaf,
and members of his Govern-
ment.

From June 5-8 he will stay
at Buckingham Palace with the
King and Queen.

At the end of his four-day
stay there he will remain a few
days longer in London at the
Norwegian Embassy.

Red Freighter To Collect

London, May 9.
The Russian freighter, Vil-
nius, is to be allowed to col-
lect 6,000 tons of Malaysian rub-
ber at Singapore, Mr John
Dugdale, Minister of State for
the Colonies, said today.

This was being permitted be-
cause the rubber was sold be-
fore the export control was
started, he told a questioner in
the House of Commons.

Restrictive control on ex-
ports of rubber was introduced
in agreement with the United
States early in April, he added.
A total embargo on exports had
at no time been contemplated.
—Reuter.

ATOMIC WEAPONS TESTED

Washington, May 9.
United States weapons ex-
perts may know by now
whether they have a practical
atomic artillery shell.

Congressional sources specu-
lated today that the series
of atomic tests being conducted
this week at Eniwetok included
firing of weapons designed for
use against enemy armies and
fortifications.

In the absence of official
announcements these sources be-
lieved the first series of spring
and summer tests, scheduled at
the Pacific proving ground,
have been completed or shortly
will be.

There were indications that
at least three different weapons
were tested: a "stockpile" atom
bomb of a new and improved
kind believed to have twice the
destructive range of the Ma-
gasaki-type bomb; a smaller
bomb, fashioned for delivery
by attack bombers; and an
atomic warhead.

Military sources have specu-
lated that the warhead is a sort
of king-size mortar shell.—United
Press.

Slim Chance Of Success

The Hague, May 9.
Sir Mohammed Zafrullah
Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minis-
ter, said here today that there
seemed a slim chance of Dr
Frank Graham, United Nations
Mediator in the Kashmir dis-
pute, succeeding.

Speaking at a Press con-
ference, he added that if Dr
Graham's mission was a failure
the results might be disastrous.
In Pakistan's view there was
no other method of producing
a peaceful solution except that
put forward by the Security
Council.

Sir Zafrullah gave a list of
many steps which he declared
international and world opinion
had suggested for a solution
which Pakistan has accepted.

He did not expect the Kash-
mir dispute to come before the
International Court of Justice,
but if Dr Graham failed the
United Nations might ask the
President of the International
Court to appoint an arbitrator.

To a question on what he
thought about the Korean war,
Sir Zafrullah said he looked on
it as a symptom of widespread
disorder everywhere.

To another question on how
Pakistan and Holland could co-
operate, he said that Pakistan
was so much in need of techni-
cal skill that room could be
found for all kinds of experts,
especially in irrigation and
agriculture, in which the Dutch
have had great experience.
—Reuter.

U.S. CASUALTIES IN KOREA

Washington, May 9.
The Defence Department to-
day reported total of 94,055
American casualties in the Kore-
an war, an increase of 1,299
over the previous week.

The new total included 11,001
killed, 42,215 wounded, 9,662
missing, 114 captured, and 1,103
previously reported missing who
had been returned to military
control.—United Press.

More Meat For Britain

Montevideo, May 9.
Uruguay has offered to
ship Britain in the next
12 months a minimum of
20,000 tons of frozen and
chilled meat—a
minimum of 3,000 tons of
canned meat, according to
notes exchanged by the
British Ambassador and
the Uruguayan Govern-
ment today. The British
reserve the right to solicit
more meat in future talks
and exchange other prod-
ucts.

Both parties agreed on
prices similar to the Ar-
gentine prices.—United
Press.

Widening Defence Set-up

Turkey And Greece May Be Admitted

London, May 9.
Foreign Secretary Her-
bert Morrison said today
that the North Atlantic pact
powers were in the process
of bringing Turkey and
Greece into their joint plan-
ning for the defence of the
Mediterranean.

Mr Morrison told a questioner
in the House of Commons:
"Since the Near and Middle
East are outside the North At-
lantic area, their defence is
not the direct responsibility of
the North Atlantic Treaty Or-
ganisation which has no Eastern
Mediterranean planning board."

"It has, however, been agreed
in a decision of the North At-
lantic Council that Turkey and
Greece shall be associated with
North Atlantic treaty planning
for the Mediterranean, and an
appropriate organisation for this
purpose is under consideration.

"Preliminary discussions have
already taken place between
military representatives of Tur-
key and Greece and the North
Atlantic group."—United Press.

ACHESON STATEMENT

Washington, May 9.
Secretary of State Dean
Acheson said at a Press con-
ference today that the matter
of admitting Greece and Turkey
to the North Atlantic Treaty
Organisation was under active
study here.

Mr Acheson declined to
speculate on what action would
eventually be taken, declaring
that nothing he could say on
the subject now would be help-
ful.—United Press.

U.S. WARNING

Washington, May 9.
The U.S. State Department
warned today that efforts to
rebuild West-Europe's defences
were threatening to strain its
reviving industry beyond the
breaking point.

It announced that a new
mutual security programme
would shortly be presented to
Congress, laying down three
types of American assistance.—
Reuter.

Vyshinsky's Illness

Moscow, May 9.
Mr N. Briem, newly-arrived
Icelandic Minister, has presented
to him on President Mikhail
Shvernik to present his creden-
tials.

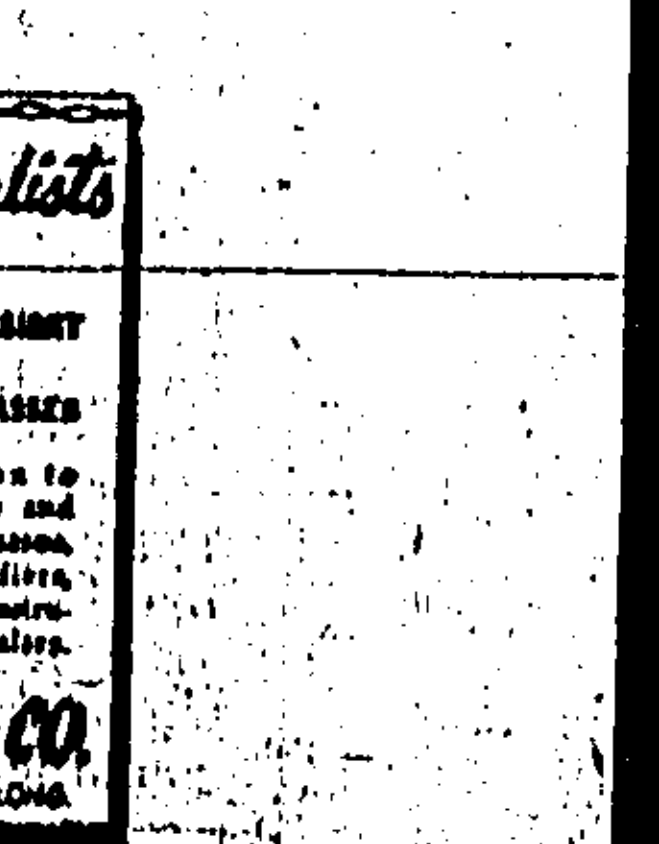
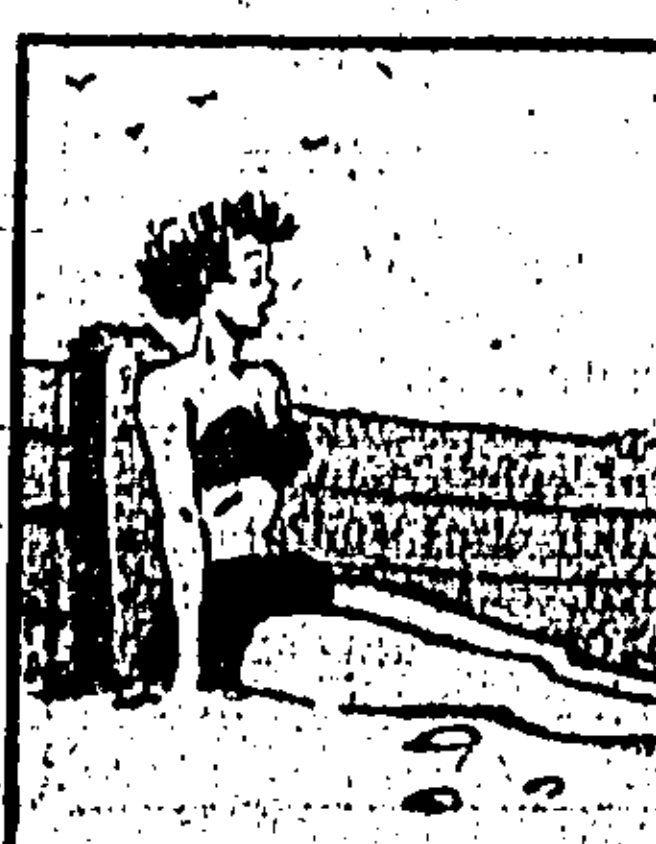
Meanwhile, the Protocol De-
partment of the Foreign Ministry
has informed Mr Briem due to
Mr Vyshinsky's illness, the de-
puty Foreign Minister, Mr V.
Zorin, will receive the Minister
on Mr Zorin's return from
Prague, where he is making a
State visit with Marshal Konev
on the occasion of the anniver-
sary of the liberation of Czechoslovakia.

The Foreign Minister, Mr
Andrei Vyshinsky, is out of
town, convalescing.—United
Press.

Freak Calf Born

Tel-Aviv, May 9.
A two-headed calf has been
born near Haifa. It is being
bottle-fed through either mouth.
The extra head weighs it down
and it barely manages to rise to
its feet, but otherwise it is nor-
mal. The animal will be offered
to an institution.—London
Express Service.

POP



Back-biter

Veterans Of Korea War Take A Rest

Tokyo, May 9. Two veteran ships of the Korean naval war have sailed for home for rest and refitting. They are the Canadian destroyer H.M.C.S. Athabaskan, commanded by Commander R. P. Walland, DSC, RCN, and the New Zealand frigate H.M.N.Z.S. Tutira, commanded by Lieutenant-Commander P. J. Hoare, RN.

Both ships completed ten months' service in the Korean war. They left with glowing messages of thanks from American and British commanders.

The Athabaskan, chartered by Americans "Little Mo" after operations in company with the U.S.S. Missouri, steamed over 40,000 miles and spent 202 of her 273 days in battle area at sea. She has flown the flag of four Admirals, carried 12,000 tons of supplies, and served as a command ship for the Korean Navy. The ship was commanded by Vice-Admiral W. G. Andrews, former commander of the British Commonwealth and Allied fleet, Vice-Admiral A. D. Struble, USN, then commander of the Seventh Fleet, Vice-Admiral Sir Guy Russell, Commander-in-Chief Far East Station, and Canada's Vice-Admiral Grant. She was one of the destroyers who carried out the first night navigation of the Chinnampo estuary to rescue Allied personnel.

Vice-Admiral C. T. Joy, commander of the United Nations naval forces, in the Far East, sent the Athabaskan the following signal: "Athabaskan served the United Nations effort in Korean waters honourably and bravely, and it is with deep regret that I send her departure for a well-deserved rest. To commander, officers, and crew my sincere thanks."

Rear-Admiral A. K. Scott-Moncrieff, who recently assumed command of the British Commonwealth fleet, signalled: "Thank you for your good hard work during your time out here."

TREASURED SIGNAL

The Tutira shared with other frigates the dull routine of escort duties and spent many weeks on blockade patrols necessary in naval campaign but unexciting. Once she spent 40 days at sea, without seeing base. During this time she anchored only six days for refuelling and re-equipment at sea. On other occasions she controlled and "mothered" hundreds of Korean mineweepers clearing a large Korean coastal area of suspected mines.

Among the signals she will treasure was one from Rear-Admiral A. E. Smith, United States Commander of the United Nations blockade forces. It read: "To Lieutenant-Commander Hoare, officers and crew of the Tutira. Your hard fighting ship performed its many duties in a highly efficient manner. It has been a pleasure to have had you under my command. Good-bye and a pleasant journey home. Well done."—United Press.

Ban On Subs Lifted

London, May 9. The Admiralty has lifted the temporary seagoing ban on certain "A" class submarines, one of which, HMS Affray, was lost last month with 75 men on board.

SULPHUR RATIONING ENVISAGED

Washington, May 9.

The Western world has tentatively decided to start allocating scarce sulphur in an effort to halt the global scramble for existing supplies.

A 10-nation committee recommended this step after reporting that it anticipated a sulphur shortage of over 1,000,000 tons in 1951.

The committee, which has been meeting for three weeks, said that it recommended a possible method of equitable distribution for the balance of 1951, but gave no details.

Sulphur is urgently needed by Western nations for both rearmament and civilian production.

Britain is especially concerned over the shortage, which officials said might slow production.

Officials of the committee said that under the tentative plan, available supplies of sulphur would be allocated among the 10 nations of the committee and non-member countries of the Western world. The committee is headed by Belgium's Pierre Jaspard, and includes Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa, Britain and the United States.—Associated Press.

LORRY AMBUSHED

Rangoon, May 9.

In a lorry today ambushed and set on fire by a Burma Oil Company lorry carrying 400 gallons of petrol from Mandalay to the hill station at Maymye.

When they fired on the vehicle from hide-outs, the driver hopped and ran for safety.

The Burmese President, Sao Shwe Thak, is at present on holiday in Maymye, 40 miles from Mandalay.—Reuter.

Accused Of Mass Murder Attempt

Tokyo, May 9.

The Tokyo Police today arrested Sato Takashi, 22-year-old apprentice furniture maker. He is suspected of mixing rat poison in food and to have attempted the wholesale murder of his employer's family because he grudged having been called "stupid" by the family.—Reuter.

OIL EXPERTS PUT UP SOLUTION OF PERSIAN DISPUTE

London, May 9.

Oil experts here today suggested that the eventual solution of the Persian oil situation might be one in which a Persian company carried out operations inside Persia while the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company handled operations outside the country.

The experts—unofficial oil men—said that it would leave producing and pumping the oil in Persian hands and refining, distributing and marketing it in the hands of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

They put forward this suggestion tentatively after studying official messages from Persia today.

Under such a set-up, the transfer of the oil to the Abadan refinery and to the tankers, hitherto merely a transfer within the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, would become a sale from the Persian company to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The question would then arise of payment of compensation to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company for about 2,300 million worth of equipment, and the retention of the indispensable technicians.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company declined to comment on today's reports. Apart from its demand for arbitration, the dispute is regarded as a political one for the British Government rather than a commercial one for the company.—Reuter.

VOTE FOR PREMIER

Teheran, May 9.

The Persian Senate today gave a vote of confidence to the Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammed Mossadeq, who is leading the oil nationalization campaign.

Forty-eight of the 51 Senators voted in favour, the other three abstained.

Reports reaching British official circles in Teheran stated that the curfew imposed during the recent strike at Abadan, South Persian side of the world's biggest refinery, has been lifted.

The reports added that the Persian security forces in the town had been reduced and that martial law in the province of Khuzistan, the main centre of the Persian oil industry, would probably be ended within a fortnight.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. Bagir Kazemi, told a Press conference earlier today that Persia would not accept force or bluff. He said that Persia was not an aggressor. She would not transgress the rights of other people and she would not allow her rights to be transgressed.

Mossadeq, the Prime Minister in a letter to Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Foreign Secretary, declared that the nationalization of industry was the sovereign right of every nation.—Reuter.

TALKS IN PARIS

Paris, May 9.

French-British talks on Near and Middle Eastern questions will take place here after the arrival tomorrow of Mr. R. J. Bowker, Assistant Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, said a French Foreign Office spokesman.

The spokesman said that Mr. Bowker's visit followed the protest of the French Government over not being invited to the recent Anglo-American conference.

Japan Asks Membership In WHO

Geneva, May 9.

Applications for membership of Germany, Spain and Japan in the World Health Organisation were referred to the Legal sub-Committee today.

The Japanese Health Minister, Takeo Kurokawa, expects the question to come before the Assembly for a decision on May 16.

"We hope at that time the Assembly will see fit to approve for applications and that 48 hours after approval we will have full rights as an official delegation, including the right to vote," he said.

He added that the United Nations Secretary-General would be given the instrument of ratification, which is already waiting, as soon as the application is approved.—United Press.

ORGANISATION OF EMPIRE DIVISION

London, May 9.

The Commonwealth Division in Korea is to use arms and equipment mostly of British pattern, the Under-Secretary for War, Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, said today.

Some units will be equipped with vehicles of American pattern and certain weapons from American sources, he told the House of Commons.

There will be complete integration of the base organisation. Commonwealth elements will be included in most of the movement and maintenance services. Tanks in the Division will be in accordance with normal British practice.

Mr. Wyatt was replying to a question about the standardisation of arms, equipment, services and ranks in the Commonwealth Division.—Reuter.

French Claim Big Victory In Tonkin

Saigon, May 9.

A French Army communique claimed today that an entire Vietminh battalion had been wiped out in an action 19 miles southeast of Hanoi.

The Vietminh colonel and several of his officers were among the prisoners taken.

In a four-day sweep against guerrillas, the communique said that 47 Vietminh were killed and 1,500 taken prisoner.

This action by the French Union forces followed an operation farther east south-west of the main port of Haiphong, in which the French claimed to have killed 1,500 Vietminh and to have taken 6,000 prisoners.

French casualties in the action southeast of Hanoi were given as eight wounded, including two Frenchmen. The booty taken included hundreds of weapons, including a light machine-gun, mortars, a considerable amount of war material, a powerful radio transmitter and a large amount of ammunition of all kinds.

The population evacuated by the Vietminh had begun to return to their villages, the communique added.

The communique described the operation as of great importance and one which would be exploited by the garrisons which would now be maintained in the area.—Reuter.

FRENCH CASUALTIES

Paris, May 9.

Over 28,000 French Union troops have been killed in fighting against the Vietminh forces

in Indo-China since 1945. M. Jean Letourneau, Minister of Associated States, revealed today.

Speaking at the Anglo-American Press Association, he said that the casualties were 9,935 Frenchmen, 4,893 Foreign Legionnaires, 4,702 North Africans, 1,945 Negro troops and 8,002 Indo-Chinese.

Over 1,000 French officers had been killed, he said. M. Letourneau added that there were now about 225,000 French Union forces in Indo-China, including 91,000 French troops and 18,000 Foreign Legionnaires.

A large "national" Vietnamese Army was being formed which would total 105,000 men. About 300,000 men were fighting on the Vietminh side, he said.

Vietminh battalions were preparing the Vietminh forces for a long war of attrition, M. Letourneau added. But unless there was a Chinese intervention the French Union forces saw the possibility of completing their work.

HE'S BEATING THE BIG DRUM



The florist's art made this large-size model of a porker beating a big drum one of the most startling floats in Holland's annual floral procession through the bulb districts between Haarlem and The Hague. Theme of this year's show was "The animal kingdom and flowerland."—AP Photo.

Korean Minister Calls For Major Assault On China

Washington, May 9.

The Korean Foreign Minister, Yungtai Pyun, criticising United Nations "military half-measures" in Korea, today called for an all-out assault on the Chinese Reds by the forces of the world organisation.

He backed General MacArthur's theory that the present military action in Korea was indecisive and could not bring the Reds to their knees and he implied that the bombing of Manchurian bases should be undertaken at once.

Mr. Pyun spoke at a meeting of CARE, the relief organisation, which is celebrating its fifth anniversary and launching a programme of aid to Korea.

"We Koreans do not pretend to understand the position so far taken either by Britain or India," said Mr. Pyun. "They look to us like a patient insisting on head-first treatment when his hand has been invaded by the germs of a deadly disease."

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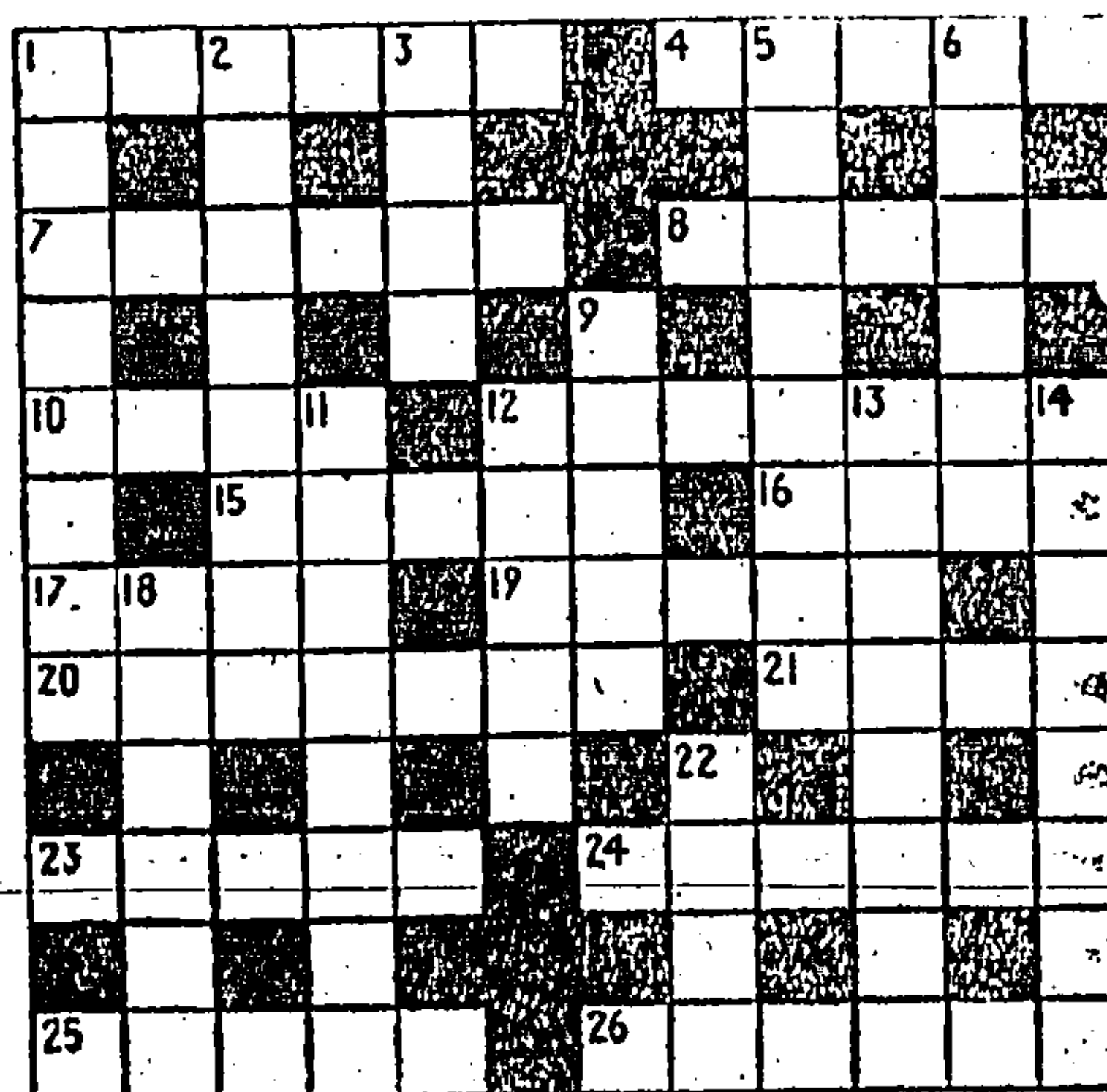
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4 Disdain (5).
7 Agreement (6).
8 Rap (5).
10 Object of worship (4).
12 Instructs (7).
13 Shy (5).
15 Two-part song (4).
17 Border (4).
19 Weeds (6).
20 Mourns (7).
21 Ado (4).
24 Sift (6).
25 Satiates (6).
26 Holy (6).
- DOWN**
1 Legendary (8).
2 Top (8).
3 Ceremony (4).
6 Grants (8).
9 Tell (6).
11 Rich man (5).
14 Concerning books (8).
16 Song (8).
18 Client (8).
22 Alarmed (8).
23 Tidy (6).
26 Stupid (4).

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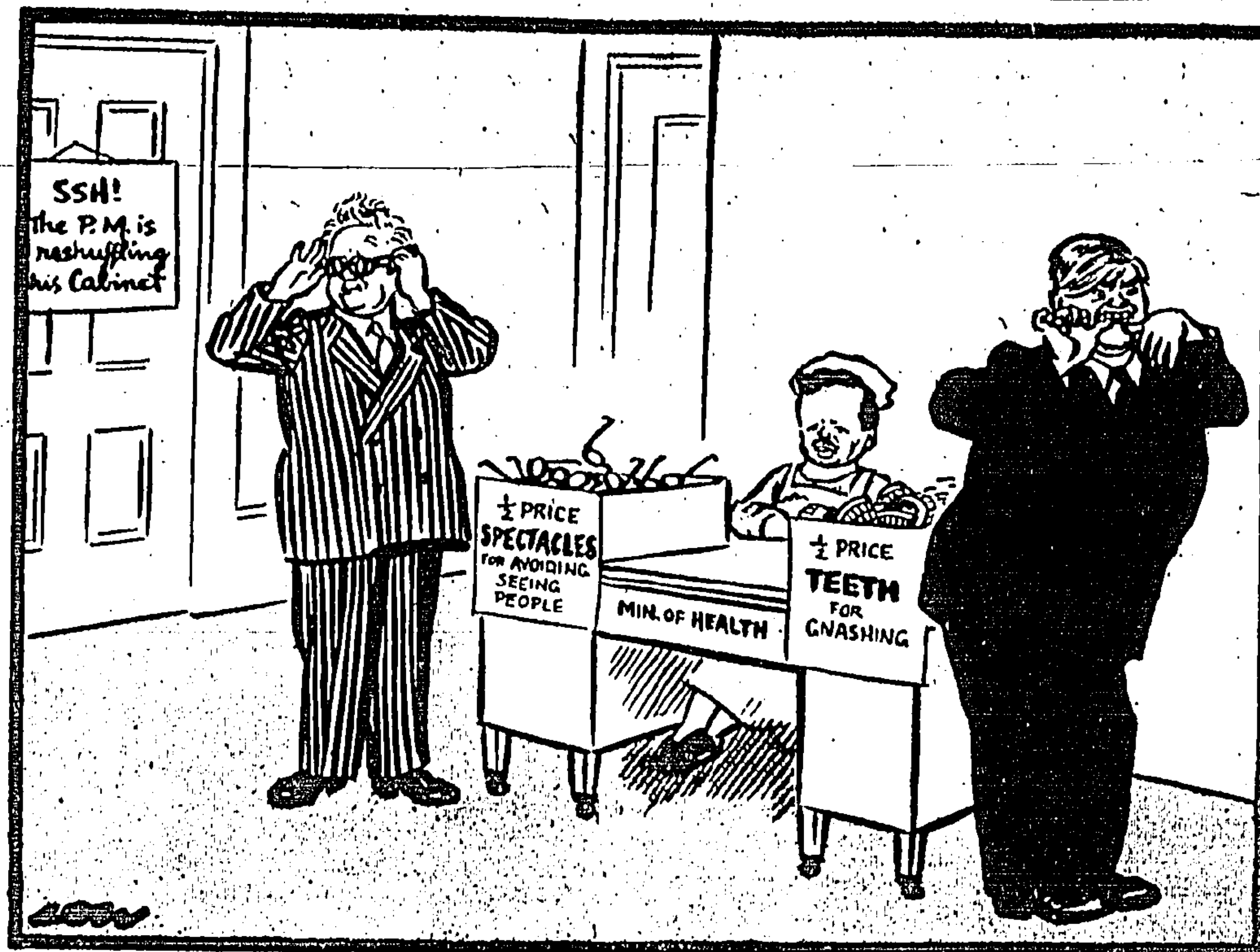
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The man who backs the oil-grab

TEHERAN. In a large spacious office overlooking the palm-fringed river at Khorramshahr sits 40-year-old, fair-haired A. E. Charlie Drake, general manager of the vast Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's concern in Southern Persia.

He will be waiting, a man-sized pipe in his mouth, for the new owners to take over.

They will come, 11 of them, 11 solemn Persians, charged by their Government to assume absolute power over the company and to see that the great undertakings of the concern on Persian soil are made over without, they hope, a drop of oil being spilled.

Back in Teheran a frail, 75-year-old man, who has succeeded in forcing nationalisation of the oil industry through parliament, will be waiting to hear that his life's dream of disposing the British is an accomplished fact.

He is Dr Mohammed Mosaddagh, newly made Prime Minister of Persia. He is a mild-

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mannered man, but behind him stand the gunmen.

Let no one think, however, that the doctor—a pale pink incorruptible and patriot in his fashion—approves of or has any part in the assassination of politicians.

Nevertheless, gunmen, who consider themselves patriots, too, are in the background, ready to remove anyone who threatens effectively to oppose the plan of "Persian oil for the Persians and hang the expense."

There is a curious perversity in it all.

No thinking

DR MOSEDDAGH is a Premier whose emotions have run away with common sense. He has never stopped—hardly a single member of the Majlis has stopped—

to think what taking over the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company means economically and financially.

His politics are founded in airy-fairism and his few financial calculations on a ready reckoner.

He wore a grey dressing gown and maroon pyjama trousers when he received me in his handsome villa in a Tehran suburb.

Here is a specimen of our conversation.

Macauley: "The agreement by which Anglo-Iranian got its concession was freely entered into by Persia, surely. Don't you agree a contract is a contract and cannot legally be broken by one side?"

Dr Mosaddagh: "The agreement is null and void because it was entered into by a Government in the past under the domination of the British. How? The British packed the elections, and only those—deputies acceptable to the British got returned."

'Neutrals'

WHAT is the good of arguing with a man like that? He believes that nonsense as he hopes for heaven.

"First of all," he said, "it is not our plan to confiscate the property of the former" (he carefully stressed that word). "Anglo-Iranian Company. We shall pay them on a fair basis."

The doctor had no idea how much the compensation would amount to, but he imagined it would be pretty easy to work it out. (We shall see just how easy in a minute.)

Mosaddagh went on: "We shall run the refinery at Abadan and oilfields up country by a board of directors appointed by the Government. They will, of course, be mainly Persians, but we may have to have a few neutral experts."

"We realise there are not enough Persians with the necessary skill in engineering technology and chemistry to run the industry at once, so we shall invite British experts to continue in their jobs. But it must be understood they will be employees of the Persian Government."

"How shall we market our oil? The products of our refinery will be available to the world. We shall put up our oil to the highest bidder, but we shall give the former Anglo-Iranian Oil Company first preference."



Dr. Mosaddagh.

Then came the jackpot question: "Will you sell the oil to Russia?" The doctor replied emphatically: "No, not a drop."

Let us now take a look at the Anglo-Iranian Company's vast industrial ramifications in Persia.

Some say the company is worth £250 million. It might be worth twice as much. It would take legions of auditors a year, to work it out. The company's balance sheets are no help there.

Item: Land, refinery, tank installations, pipe, lines and buildings at cost—£81,000,000, less depreciation—£53,000,000 net £28,000,000.

Chairman Sir William Fraser's financial conservatism may cost him dear yet.

The 135,000 employees are part of a business that calls for £50,000,000 in the till or cash at the bank to run every year.

The Persian Government has not got so much money in cash. Civil servants are anything up to a month in arrears for salary already.

The only hope of raising such an enormous "float" would be to sell gold or pledge the Shah's crown jewels and fabulous peacock throne which are used to back the currency.

Knowing this only too well, it is unlikely that British technicians would agree to serve the Persian Government on anything but salary-in-advance terms.

The Anglo-Iranian built and handed over to the Persian education authorities 33 secondary schools, three secondary schools and a 130,000 technical school for turning Persian boys into oil technologists.

Cinemas, clubs

EVERY employee gets a free medical service in three general hospitals and 35 dispensaries run by 105 doctors and 333 nurses. There are 34 health inspectors and 1,800 sanitary workers. All this costs the company £2,000,000 a year.

Fourteen hundred miles of company-built roads are maintained at £400,000 a year.

What else is there? Thirty-four cinemas, 21 swimming pools, 40 clubs, and playing fields.

Besides this there are hundreds of meals a day at 8½d. each by a company which, in Dr Mosaddagh's view, has existed "only to exploit the natural wealth of Persia and keep her people ignorant and poor."

By Frederick Cook

Here Comes Mrs Edwards

NEW YORK. If the USA ever elects a woman President, the historians of the time will put it down to the work of Mrs India Edwards, who operated in Washington, mostly behind the scenes, in the middle of the 20th century.

Mrs Edwards ("And don't ask me about the 'India'—I got it from my great-aunt India, and I don't know where she picked it up") is the most powerful woman in Washington, politically speaking.

In all of these the restless 5ft. 7in. India Edwards played a decisive part. She has made a career of breaking into masculine closed shops ever since she started out at 20 as a junior reporter for Colonel McCormick on his Chicago Tribune (whose policies she detests).

Nowadays she is at her desk in her cluttered office in Washington by 8.45 every morning after a ride downtown with her husband, Herbert, £72-a-week head of the International Films section of the State Department. She works a 10-hour day, "and I always take a brief-case home with me at night."

Typical Spell

Nobody on the national stage had ever heard of her before the day, six years ago, when she walked into the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee and asked for a job. A matronly woman of 49, with warm brown eyes, she had just lost her only son in the war.

MUCH of her time goes on gingering-up visits to local party organisations all over the USA.

Here is a fairly typical spell for her:

MONDAY, a day at the desk and a night flight to Boston;

TUESDAY, work in the local office;

WEDNESDAY, work again and a full-length speech at a Democratic banquet;

THURSDAY, back to Washington for another speech;

FRIDAY, her own office;

SATURDAY, back to Boston to speak again.

Days later, speeches in Washington, Kentucky and on the Pacific Coast.

It is a hectic pace. "My husband," she says, "would prefer to stay home a bit more. But he makes no protest. He understands how I feel."

Her Hats

HOME for the Edwards is a colonial house in Maryland, where India loves to cook casserole dishes, spend her week-ends cleaning house and indulge her one hobby "making my own hats, once in a way a really wild one."

No Socialist, she is keenly interested in what is going on in England. "England," she said, "is following the general evolution of man in trying circumstances—leading the way, so to speak. They will come out all right in the end."

Mrs Edwards thinks it quite likely that a woman will be elected to the White House one day. But not yet.

"There is too much feeling against our sex for the present," she said. "Anyone who predicts it is going in for wishful thinking."

Her staff say this is an example of how she works—no crank trying to plant a firecracker behind the exploding front of history but a careful long-range planner well aware of how to get what she wants.

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Long String

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Credit Restrictions Affect US Building

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A levelling off of home building has resulted from United States Government restrictions on housing credit that are designed to curb inflationary tendencies and conserve scarce materials needed for the defence programme.

This February was the first one since the end of World War II when the number of non-farm dwelling units put under construction failed to set a new record for the month.

About 80,000 units were started in February, a month in which home building activity usually rises. This volume was 8 per cent below that of January and slightly under the number of units begun in February 1950.

The credit restrictions are intended to keep construction of non-farm dwellings down to 800,000 to 850,000 units in 1951, compared with the 1,392,000 units started in 1950.

On Oct. 12 restrictions were placed on private credit Government housing loans and loan insurance, and special financing for war veterans' homes and farm housing. On Jan. 12 restrictions were also placed on the financing of multi-family housing.

In general, these restrictions require larger down payments and shorter-term mortgages. Lower-percentage down payments required for low-priced homes, and preference is given ex-Servicemen through lower down payments and longer mortgage maturities.

Government estimates in 1950 indicated that about 1,250,000 additional farm and non-farm units of housing would be required each year for 10 years to catch up on existing demand, meet new needs, and rehabilitate or replace sub-standard housing.

This was the general objective of the national housing policy until the Communists' invasion of the Republic of Korea forced a revision of the amount of housing construction and financing that could be permitted.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, May 9.	Prices of grain futures closed here today as follows:
Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.43
May	2.43-2.42
July	2.43-2.41
September	2.43-2.41
December	2.50-2.50
Corn	
Spot	1.01
May	1.01
July	1.01
September	1.01
December	1.01
Rye	
May	2.01-2.02
July	
October	0.71
New York flour—per 200 lb. sack	113.18—United Press.

Ceiling Prices For Wool

Washington, May 9.
The Government today set dollar and cents ceiling prices on standard grades of wool.
Price Control officials said the results should be to increase wool imports and probably increase prices of wool clothing during the next year.
The order from Office of Price Stabilization is effective at once. Ceiling prices, generally, are 65 to 70 per cent higher than before the Korean war.
Associated Press.

Bank Quotations

New York, May 9.	Bank quotations:
Bank of America	27 1/2 bid, 28 1/2 asked
Chase National	27 1/2 bid, 28 1/2 asked
National City	44 1/2 bid, 45 1/2 asked

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$102,475. The morning's transactions and noon prices:—
SHARES BUYERS' SALES

HSK Bank	1340	1360
East Asia	101	
HSK Bank	700	720
Underwriters	325	
SHIPPING		
Asia N.Y.	1	500 @ 1.05
DOCKERS, ETC.		
K. Wharf	75	1000 @ 74
N. P. Wharf	10	
Provident	10	
Whitcomb	23	24
LAND, ETC.		
HSK Land KD	1.10	33
SHAL Land	1.10	33
UTILITIES		
Tram	114	
C. Light (O)	0.10	
C. Light (N)	0.10	
C. Light (B)	0.10	
Electric	0.10	23 1/2 @ 23
Telephone	0.10	
INDUSTRIALS		
Cement	10 1/2 @ 100 @ 10 1/2	
Hope	12	
STOCKS, ETC.		
Dairy	11 1/2 @ 12 1/2	
Watson	17 1/2 @ 17 1/2	300 @ 17 1/2

The Rubber Markets

London, May 9.
Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:—
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Mr James Griffiths Pays Tribute To Hongkong

London, May 9.
Speaking at a luncheon party at the Savoy Hotel, London, in honour of the Hongkong BIF delegation, Mr James Griffiths, Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs, said:

"I am grateful to you for inviting me here today and giving me this opportunity to welcome such a strong contingent from Hongkong to the British Industries Fair.
"I am glad to see that this is Mr U. T. T. Chee's third visit to the United Kingdom in this connection and that these visits prove genuinely useful and I hope enjoyable to our visitors. I hope that they may also have the time and inclination to visit the Festival of Britain and perhaps to take part in the more light-hearted activities which form one side of that Festival.
"I have great admiration for the energy and resource which the people of Hongkong and the business community in particular have shown in dealing with the considerable problems which have followed the war, resulting from the unsettled conditions in the Far East.
EXCELLENT EXAMPLE
"One of the more pressing during 1950 was the great increase in the population of Hongkong which rose during the year to over 2,300,000—the highest in the history of the Colony. This has, of course, caused a pressing demand for housing and in this connection I am particularly happy to hear that Mr U. T. T. Chee has set an excellent example by sponsoring a non-profit making housing scheme. I have looked with interest at the excellent pamphlet produced by the Development Company of which he is Chairman.
"I would also like to congratulate Mr U. T. T. Chee on his appointment to the Court of Hongkong University, and I am

pleased to note that the University are going ahead with their rehabilitation programme and that His Majesty's Government's grant of £500,000 will materially assist in this work. The rehabilitation of the University is but one aspect of Hongkong's remarkable recovery in the field of education in which the number of children attending school has risen from a mere 4,000 in 1945, to well over 150,000 in 1950 with further expansion being provided for. Other encouraging and creditable signs of the great step forward in the progress in the provision of essential social services.
"In view of Hongkong's position as perhaps the greatest distributing centre for a large number of other countries in the Far East, it was gratifying to see the November trade figures standing at an all time record of 889.9 million dollars. Since then, owing to fresh difficulties caused by the international situation, the trade figures have not remained at this high level.
"In February imports fell by 23.6% compared with the January imports of 345.9 million dollars and exports went down by 17.0% compared with 448.1 million dollars in January, although in March to 556.7 million and imports to 535.1 million dollars. I know that there are difficulties now over raw materials for some of our industries, and that it will call on the skill and energy of the business community to surmount them.

WILL TRY TO HELP
"I would like to assure you as representatives of that community that we in this country realise your difficulties, which we of course are also meeting in this country. We realise your essential needs for raw materials and we are doing our very best to assist you to obtain them. I hope that your own efforts to secure chemicals and metals and other raw materials and consumer goods in this country will be successful.
"I am sure that your endeavours to develop the banking, insurance, shipping and merchant services which Hongkong can offer will form a notable contribution to the British Industries Fair.
"Despite the unsettled conditions in the Far East I am glad to note that Hongkong sets an example of courage and calm in the face of a difficult period and I wish to repeat the assurances that have been made before that HMG have every intention of discharging their responsibilities in Hongkong both as regards defence and the welfare of the population.
"Before I sit down, may I wish our visitors a happy and useful stay in our country and a pleasant voyage and a speedy recovery in health.
"His Lordship expressed his gratitude to both Mr D'Alton and Mr D'Almada Remedios for their remarks, and asked them to convey to the Bar and the solicitors his appreciation of their good wishes.
"Mr Justice Williams is going on leave, together with Mr Williams on the RMS Canton on Saturday. He was stricken with serious illness last Chinese New Year, and was confined in Queen Mary Hospital for over two months. He was recently discharged and is convalescing. Mr Williams was appointed Puisne Judge of Hongkong after the late war.

Mr Williams Receives Felicitations

At the conclusion of a session at the Supreme Court this morning, when Mr Justice Williams (Senior Puisne Judge) delivered judgment in an action involving a claim for the return of a gold bar, Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, a senior member of the Bar, present, said he understood his Lordship was leaving the Colony shortly and he took the opportunity to assure his Lordship that all members of the Bar were delighted at his recovery from his recent illness, and to wish him, on their behalf, a pleasant voyage and a safe return.
"Mr J. M. d'Almada Remedios, on behalf of the solicitors, also wished Mr Justice Williams bon voyage and a speedy recovery in health.
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Two squad vans from the Emergency Unit and Anti-Robbery Squad turned out today when the alarm at the Government Treasury went off at about 12 o'clock. It later turned out to be a false alarm. It was last week that a false alarm was raised at the Treasury due to an electrical short circuit.

Second False Alarm

Proposing a toast to the Hongkong delegation, Mr Clifford J. Harrison, marketing director of Horlicks Limited, said: "It is now five years since these luncheons of welcome to the Hongkong Trade Delegation were first held. Each year these occasions have afforded British industrialists the happiest of opportunities for showing our Chinese visitors how cordially we in Britain wish to continue trade with them so long as they wish to trade with us. There is no lack of this reciprocal spirit in Hongkong even today, in spite of the difficulties and trials that you and we have to face. The strife that is taking place far to the north of Hongkong is, I know, as deeply and sincerely regretted by you, as it is by us."

BROTHEL RAIDED

For keeping a brothel at No. 13 Yunnan Lane, second floor, 58-year-old woman Wong Ah-see was sentenced to three months by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.
The premises were raided by Inspector Blackburn, last night who found 11 bed spaces with curtain partitions on the floor.

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LATEST REPORT FROM KOREA

UN Troops Stand By For Red Offensive

FROM SELKIRK PANTON

Tokyo, May 10.
British troops in Korea and their United Nations allies are now facing their most desperate stand-or-get-out battle in Korea since the Red Chinese hordes poured across the Yalu River from Manchuria last November. It may come at any moment.

Senior United Nations officers in Tokyo believe it will come within the next week culminating with the full moon period in the middle of the month. They fear it may be the bloodiest battle with British and United Nations casualties dwarfing recent British losses. They know that in spite of day and night Allied air attacks, the Chinese Reds have been able to bring up supplies from Manchuria and mount a new offensive aimed at driving the United Nations Forces into the sea. Now they are poised to strike.

The Allied trouble is that we don't know where to expect the main thrust—ignorance of which led to the epic last-man stand by the Gloucesters a fortnight ago—or how strong it is going to be.

These United Nations officers believe it may be the Chinese Reds' last all-out attempt to win the Korean War and throw the United Nations Forces into the sea of Japan. Many believe, with their fingers crossed, that we can stop these Chinese "somewhere" in southeast Korea. Others fear we cannot withstand the shock of massed Chinese sea-borne tactics—and our only course is to get out of Korea with our crack divisions to fight another day. But most agree that if the new Chinese push fails, withered by devastating air and artillery attacks, Red China's leaders may be more ready to talk peace.

But our Allied chiefs do know this: Chinese Reds' intelligence is first-rate; they know by some secret means where each unit is, how strong it is and where to strike along the 120-mile front to make a breakthrough.

They are getting supplies, in spite of an all-out Allied bombing, by road and railway from far north and their anti-aircraft defence is becoming the most effective. So is their increasing air activity which is now ranging over United Nations positions which, until recently, never saw an enemy plane.

But on the other side of the ledger, the Chinese have—so far—few tanks, few self-propelled guns and other mechanised equipment. And the United Nations are throwing into the vital battle massed artillery on an El Alamein scale with unlimited ammunition. Numbers of tanks, complete air mastery at the moment—and naval supremacy.

But the beginning of the rains may bog down our mechanised equipment, with the Chinese Reds having the advantage of men-borne supplies and tough, fanatical foot-slog-

Woman Wins Claim Against Bank

Judgment with costs for the plaintiff was delivered by Mr Justice E. H. Williams (Senior Puisne Judge) at the Supreme Court this morning in an action brought by a widow, Sham Man-sang, who sought the return of 139 taels of 99 percent pure gold in gots deposited in the Nam Mee Bank, 28 Bonham Strand East, by her young brother on May 3, 1949.

As the gold claimed by the plaintiff was not now available and as she claimed in the alternative for the value of the gold, his Lordship awarded plaintiff as damages the value of the gold and costs. The damages amounted to \$44,480 as the value agreed by Counsel per tael was \$320.

The case was heard by Mr Justice Williams when he acted as Chief Justice. Hearing concluded on January 27 when judgment was reserved. Decision had been delayed through the indisposition of Mr Justice Williams, who only recently recovered.

Sham was represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr J. M. d'Almada Remedios, while the defendants, the Bank and its proprietor, Au Hau-wai, alias Au Tien-sang, were represented by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Mr Charles Ying (Hastings and Co.).

According to the facts as disclosed in the plaintiff's case, she was detained in prison between February 18, 1949, and January 17, 1950, in connection with certain offences arising out of an alleged swindle in fan tan games. She was allowed bail of \$130,000 and she instructed her brother, Wong Cho, to withdraw her gold from the Shun Cheung Tai Bank and to dispose of it, together with other of her property, in order to raise her bail. After that had been done, she claimed that her brother deposited the 139 taels of gold in the defendant bank where it was placed in a safe by Au Hau-wai. Plaintiff was released when the Crown entered a nolle prosequi.

The Defence claimed the transaction was illegal and there were Ordinances in force at the time which prohibited dealings in gold. Second, defendant also denied all knowledge of the depositing of the gold in his bank and said the receipts given by Wong Cho for the gold, signed and chopped by his son, Au Sau-chuen, were not of the authorised form used by his bank.

THE JUDGMENT
In a written judgment, Mr Justice Williams said the plaintiff claims in the alternative for the return of 139 taels of gold or the value of the gold in the event of her failure to prove her claim. The evidence disclosed that Au Hau-wai was sole proprietor. The defence (1) denied the plaintiff's claim; (2) it deposited with either, the deposit was made by the plaintiff's brother, Au Sau-chuen, on 30th May, 1949, No. A-18 made by the Governor under Subsection 1 of the Gold and Silver and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1949; (3) in a former action Wong Cho, entitled against the defendant bank, had recovered judgment against Au Sau-chuen for the same subject matter. Under the latter judgment, the defendant bank was ordered to return the gold to the plaintiff or to pay the value of the gold.

The plaintiff's evidence concerning the 139 taels of gold was as follows. She was arrested on the 18th February, 1949, on a charge of fraud in connection with fan tan. She was allowed a sum of \$200,000 but this was soon reduced to \$130,000 which figure plaintiff considered might be able to raise. On arrest, she had entrusted her affairs to her brother, Wong Cho, who had been given a power of attorney to obtain on her behalf from the Shun Cheung Tai Bank 139 taels of gold which figure plaintiff considered might be able to raise. On arrest, she had entrusted her affairs to her brother, Wong Cho, who had been given a power of attorney to obtain on her behalf from the Shun Cheung Tai Bank 139 taels of gold which figure plaintiff considered might be able to raise. On arrest, she had entrusted her affairs to her brother, Wong Cho, who had been given a power of attorney to obtain on her behalf from the Shun Cheung Tai Bank 139 taels of gold which figure plaintiff considered might be able to raise.

Among those present were Commodore L. N. Brownfield, Col. Layton, Col. Sykes, Col. Harold, Maj. Arnold, Cmdr Craig, Cmdr Long, Mrs W. T. Stanton, Miss A. Pelcor, Mrs Z. Mitchell, Miss J. Mansell, Mr V. Vendrick and Mr Peppi Paunzen, Mr H. Paunzen, Mr R. Suzman, and Miss L. Levy.

The 1st Sgt Landrighan, US Army, who has been with the Liaison Officer here for the past year, He left the Correspondents' Club where he was staying about 1.30 a.m. last Friday, and the jeep he was driving crashed through the pipe railing at the foot of Kowloon Road, and plunged 30 feet into a vacant plot below, plunging him to his death.

Arrangements are being made for Sgt Landrighan's remains to be returned to the United States for burial.

Mail Notices

Registered articles and parcels must close one hour earlier than ordinary mail times shown below.
THURSDAY, MAY 10
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m., via C.P.A. By Surface.
Macao, 8 a.m., 4.30 p.m., as Ita Men/Lee Hong.
Canada (Parcels only), 2 p.m., as Douglas.
Formosa, 3 p.m., as Palchol.
FRIDAY, MAY 11
Canada, U.S.A., 5.30 a.m., via C.P.A.L.
Australia, 10 a.m., C.A.T.
India, China, France, French North & West Africa, Great Britain, 10 a.m., Air France.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
New Zealand, 5 p.m., N.Z. Airways.
Formosa, 3 p.m., as Palchol.
Macao, 8 a.m., 4.30 p.m., as Ita Men/Lee Hong.
China, Peoples Republic, 5.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Philippines, 10 a.m., as Hermod.

Training Unit Parade

Smartness was the keynote of the ninth Passing Out Parade of the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit held at Lyemum Barracks this morning in the presence of a large gathering which included many senior officers.
Brigadier M.S.K. Mansell, DSO, OBE, inspected the parade which was under the command of Capt P.J. Livemore, MC. The Commanding Officer of the Unit is Maj. E.R.S. Westropp.
Shield for the best recruit won by Lee Yut-wah, while No. 3 Platoon (Sgt Chenp Ching-ying) annexed the Championship of the Platoon Drill competition were No. 4 Platoon (Sgt R.R. Hall).
The Band of the South Staffordshire Regiment was in attendance.

Murder Charge Adjudged

The case against Ho Huen, 54, shopkeeper residing at an unnumbered hut at Health Village, charged with the murder of his five-year-old son, Ho Pak-yau, yesterday morning, was adjudged since die by a Him-shing Lo at Central Police Station. Sub-Inspector J. T. Chalk of the Homicide Squad, PHQ, announced that the defendant had been taken to the mental hospital for observation.

Charge Against Watchman

Sheri Singh, 40, Indian watchman, of 284, Des Voeux Road West, was charged before Mr Wicks at Kowloon this morning with demanding \$30 from Sun Kwong, a marine hawk, on board the SS Ball lying alongside No. 4 Wharf, Kowloon Go-down, on May 6.
Defendant was represented by Mr A. el Arculli and bail of \$1,000 is allowed.
Hearing of the case was fixed for 2.30 p.m., June 4.

Radio Hongkong

11. K.T.
Programme Summary: 0.02. "Jazz From The 30s" Presented By John Waring. (Broadcast: 0.30. "Hit Parade"; 1. "Symphony Of Saws"; 2. "The Sound Of Music"; 3. "The Sound Of Music"; 4. "The Sound Of Music"; 5. "The Sound Of Music"; 6. "The Sound Of Music"; 7. "The Sound Of Music"; 8. "The Sound Of Music"; 9. "The Sound Of Music"; 10. "The Sound Of Music"; 11. "The Sound Of Music"; 12. "The Sound Of Music"; 13. "The Sound Of Music"; 14. "The Sound Of Music"; 15. "The Sound Of Music"; 16. "The Sound Of Music"; 17. "The Sound Of Music"; 18. "The Sound Of Music"; 19. "The Sound Of Music"; 20. "The Sound Of Music"; 21. "The Sound Of Music"; 22. "The Sound Of Music"; 23. "The Sound Of Music"; 24. "The Sound Of Music"; 25. "The Sound Of Music"; 26. "The Sound Of Music"; 27. "The Sound Of Music"; 28. "The Sound Of Music"; 29. "The Sound Of Music"; 30. "The Sound Of Music"; 31. "The Sound Of Music"; 32. "The Sound Of Music"; 33. "The Sound Of Music"; 34. "The Sound Of Music"; 35. 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